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DIARY NOTES

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1. Outplacement Program--Personnel: I set a deadline for the Office of Personnel to submit a report on the agreed-upon Outplacement Program. Colonel White inquired today as to the status of this program. Mr. Echols advised that action and reporting on the program would be delayed because of the illness of the principal officer. I called Echols and informed him that it has now been almost two months since we had our meeting with the deputy directors on this program and that we expected both action toward implementing the agreed upon program and a report for the program development. I informed Mr. Echols he must not delay this simply because a principal officer is ill but assign this to someone else so that we can now get going on the program. In this instance Personnel has not pursued this program aggressively enough and there could very well be criticism from the other deputy directors.

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2. [REDACTED] -FE Trip: [REDACTED] called to advise me of his return from his FE trip. He indicated that it was most beneficial and all reports of Support activities were highly favorable. Things are in very good shape. He will submit a report with recommendations but he suggests that we seek the purchase of land [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] -Personnel: Since [REDACTED] has set a date for his retirement from the Agency, I advised Mr. Echols to begin taking those actions necessary to close out his cover and other relationships before his retirement date becomes effective.

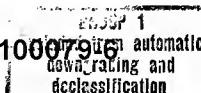
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4. [REDACTED] Case: Admiral Taylor has been interviewing several people on this case in order to frame his reply to Congressman Ashmore. Just to be certain that all is in order, I called John Richardson to ensure that one staff employee is all that is necessary to meet the training requirements in Arabic. Mr. Richardson assured me that one officer can fulfill this requirement for the foreseeable future. He further advised that [REDACTED] had done an exceptional job in building up Arabic language capability in the NE Division staff and that as a result the pressure is off for language training requirements in this language and one individual can well meet this program. I passed this information to the Executive Director and the Acting Inspector General for their information.

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5. Supergrade Promotions: I met with Mr. Warfield and [REDACTED] to discuss our allocation of supergrade promotions. It was agreed that we would allocate one each to the following offices: Communications, Logistics, Personnel, Finance and Medical, DD/S and Support Service. One of these has already been approved and is now effective. I am holding one in reserve for contingency. Through retirement I expect to pick up two slots in 1967 and two in 1968 which will leave me a total of five headroom for supergrades plus additional slots if other Support officers eligible for voluntary retirement elect to do so.

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6. [REDACTED]: Jack Smith called to find out the substance of my interview with [REDACTED]. I advised that we had a very favorable interview which lasted for about 45 minutes. [REDACTED] was definitely interested in the position of Chief, Printing Services Division, however, he did not want to make a commitment at this time. He has advised events happened rather suddenly and he would like to think about it a bit. Upon his return from ten days' leave he will contact George Meloon to discuss this matter further. He has no other plans and showed interest in the job and was most appreciative of the fact that we were interested in selecting him for it. I advised him that we had been looking for a candidate for this position for several months and that I had informally discussed this with Jack Smith but he felt he had to settle the NPIC problem before I had any conversation with Chick. To this I agreed and the sequence of discussions has followed.

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8. [REDACTED] called me to advise that he had met with Bob Komer of the White House. Komer advised that he was interested in having [REDACTED] serve on his staff and wanted to know whether he should send a letter to the Director. [REDACTED] asked him to hold off until we had had a chance to discuss this matter. I advised that I did not have a special job for Vince in mind at this time but certainly I would provide such a job. In the absence of having a special job for [REDACTED] there is no logical reason why we could not make him available to Komer for six months to a year at which time he would return to the Agency. I advised [REDACTED] I would sort this out and be in touch with him. It is my feeling that [REDACTED] has the opportunity to be of benefit to the Agency in assisting in the planning and functioning of the Office of Civilian Operations in Saigon. I will frame a reply to [REDACTED]

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